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SUBJECT: ENERGY AGREEMENT: TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS

FOR ACTING SCICOUNS

1. JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AGREED AT OCT. 3-5 MEETING TO
FORM TEMPORARY JOINT GROUPS OF EXPERTS ON COAL, OIL AND
GAS TO FURTHER R&D OBJECTIVE OF AGREEMENT AND ON ENERGY
INFORMATION AND FORECASTING TO FURTHER OBJECTIVE OF BETTER
UNDERSTANDING OF EACH COUNTRY'S NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS
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AND OUTLOOK. GROUPS ARE TO BE DESIGNATED BY JANUARY 1 AND

TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT JC MEETING IN JUNE OR JULY.

2. USG IS PROCEEDING TO SELECT US MEMBERS FOR EXPERT GROUPS AND TO IDENTIFY INSTALLATIONS IN USSR WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AND INSTALLATIONS IN US FOR RECIPROCAL SOVIET VISITS. VISITS MIGHT TAKE PLACE MARCH-MAY, WITH US VISITING USSR FIRST ON COAL AND ON INFORMATION AND FORECASTING AND POSSIBLY SOVIETS VISITING US FIRST ON OIL AND GAS.

3. ON R&D SIDE ABOVE PROCESS IS BEING CARRIED OUT PRIMARILY BY USG FOR COAL BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE USG INVOLVEMENT IN COAL RESEARCH. WE SHALL BE CONTACTING INDUSTRY GROUPS FOR SUGGESTIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN EXCHANGES ON

OIL AND GAS BECAUSE MOST US RESEARCH IN THESE AREAS IS PRIVATE.'

4. IN ADDITION THERE ARE A FEW SUBJECTS IN APPENDIX 5B OF JC MEETING RECORD WHICH ARE UNRELATED TO FOSSIL FUELS: THERMAL INSULATING MATERIALS AND EFFECTS OF INCREASED ENERGY USE ON CLIMATOLOGY, WHICH ARE LAST TWO ITEMS ON US LIST, AND CONSTRUCTION OF HYDRAULIC INSTALLATIONS IN SEVERE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENT OF EFFICIENCY OF USE OF ELECTRICITY, WHICH ARE LAST TWO ITEMS ON SOVIET LIST. ON REFLECTION WE BELIEVE US SUGGESTION ON THERMAL INSULATING MATERIALS COULD BE BETTER FORMULATED AS "ENERGY CONSERVATION IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS", TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY MATERIALS BUT ALSO SITING (TO MAXIMIZE NATURAL HEATING), DESIGN (E.G. WINDOWS), LIGHTING (E.G. HEAT FROM LIGHTS VS. AIR CONDITIONING), AND VENTILATION SYSTEMS (INCLUDING HEATING AND COOLING), AND THAT TOPIC WOULD MORE LOGICALLY FALL UNDER HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT, AS SUGGESTED BY NEPOROZHNIY OCTOBER 4. WE ALSO BELIEVE TOPIC ON CLIMATOLOGY WOULD BETTER BE PURSUED UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT WG 8 ON INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ON CLIMATE. WE ARE UNCLEAR AS TO SOVIET INTENT ON "HYDRAULIC CONSTRUCTION" ITEM AND WONDER WHETHER WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND MIGHT NOT REASONABLY BE PURSUED UNDER EXISTING PROJECTS ON HYDROELECTRIC POWER

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PLANTS AND/OR COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES UNDER S&T WATER RESOURCES JOINT WORKING GROUP. COOPERATION ON EFFICIENCY OF ENERGY USE IS CALLED FOR BY ARTICLE III.I. E OF AGREEMENT; BUT WE FIND SOVIET FORMULATION TOO BROAD TO PERMIT SELECTION OF EXPERTS OR SITE VISITS WITHOUT FURTHER REFINEMENT. PERHAPS SOVIETS WOULD CONSIDER AMENDED US SUGGESTION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AS ADEQUATE IN THIS AREA. IF THEY HAVE IN

MIND REDUCING CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY PER UNIT OF PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES, MOST RESEARCH IN US IN THIS AREA IS PRIVATE.

5. ON ENERGY INFORMATION, WE ENVISAGE PROJECTS AND APPROACHES DESIGNED TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR CONTINUING EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AND DATA ON VARIETY OF ENERGY ISSUES. IN KEEPING WITH AGREEMENT AND MINUTES OF FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, WE WISH TO ENSURE ANNUAL IN-DEPTH CONSULTATIONS AT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF EACH OTHER'S NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS AND OUTLOOKS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUCH CONSULTATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE USEFUL TO SET UP ENERGY INFORMATION AND DATA ON CURRENT, NEAR FUTURE AND LONG-TERM PROJECTIONS FOR PRODUCTION, DEMAND AND CONSUMPTION OF MAJOR FORMS OF FUELS AND ENERGY AS WELL AS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH PROJECTIONS ARE BASED. IN ADDITION TO SUCH AN EXCHANGE, WE BELIEVE PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE JOINT SEMINARS AND/OR STUDIES ON VARIETY OF ISSUES. ONE PROPOSAL WOULD BE FOR EACH SIDE TO PRODUCE PAPERS ON THEIR LONG-TERM ENERGY PROGRAMS UNDER PROJECT INDEPENDENCE AND THE FIFTEEN YEAR PLAN AND THEN ORGANIZE A SEMINAR TO DISCUSS THESE PAPERS. ANOTHER PROPOSED JOINT STUDY OR SEMINAR COULD BE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF ENERGY-RELATED DECISION-MAKING IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRY WHICH WOULD FOCUS ON PRACTICAL AS OPPOSED TO THEORETICAL PROCEDURES FOR DECISION-MAKING. ANOTHER JOINT STUDY SHOULD BE ON THE TECHNIQUES AND METHODS OF FORECASTING PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND DEMAND OF MAJOR FORMS OF FUELS AND ENERGY. OTHER POSSIBLE SEMINARS COULD BE ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE ENERGY PROGRAMS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND ON RURAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION. WE WOULD HOPE THAT, SINCE OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, SOVIETS HAVE NOW HAD TIME TO REFLECT ON POSSIBLE JOINT WORK IN ENERGY

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INFORMATION AREA AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THEIR SUGGESTIONS ON SUBSTANCE AS WELL AS ON ORGANIZATIONAL METHODS OF PROGRAM.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH STOLYAROV ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A) INFORM HIM OF US APPROACH PER PARAS 2 THRU 5 ABOVE;
B) ASK HOW SOVIETS ARE PROCEEDING;
C) ASK SPECIFICALLY FOR SOVIET IDEAS ON INSTALLATIONS IN USSR FOR US VISITS AND IN US FOR SOVIET VISITS;
D) ASK WHETHER SOVIETS WISH TO RETAIN LAST TWO ITEMS ON THEIR LIST IN VIEW CONSIDERATIONS PARA 4 AND, IF SO, ASK FOR FURTHER DETAILS TO PERMIT US TO SELECT EXPERTS;

E) MAKE CLEAR THAT, IN US VIEW, WORK ON INFORMATION
AND FORECASTING SHOULD PROCEED ON SAME TIMETABLE
AS WORK ON R&D.

7. IN EVENT SOVIETS SHOULD RAISE SUBJECT OF SAWHILL
RESIGNATION AND POSSIBLE IMPACT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
ENERGY AGREEMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD REASSURE SOVIETS THAT
WE INTEND TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY WITH IMPLEMENTATION,
AND THAT OUR APPROACH IS EVIDENCE OF OUR DESIRE TO
DO SO. INGERSOLL

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